

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 1, 2003, Applicant hereby wishes to elect the subject matter of Group IV (claims 96-112) for continued prosecution in this application.

In addition, applicants further elect the following species:

A: the set of “binding immunoreactive component-pairing component member complexes” – immunoglobulins and immunoglobulin fragments

B: the pairing components and how they relate structurally and functionally to “binding immunoreactive component-pairing component member complexes” – p-RNA

C: the means of attachment between “binding immunoreaction components” and “pairing component” – covalent

D: the means of attachment between “complementary pairing component member” and test site – non-covalent (biotin/streptavidin)

Claims 96, 97, 98, 99, 103, 106, 107, 111, and 112 read upon the elected invention. This election is being made without traverse and without prejudice to continue prosecution of those non-elected claims in a later application.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this communication, or feels that an interview might facilitate prosecution of the application, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (949) 737-2900.

Respectfully submitted,


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